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Publisher's Announcement.

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As an exchange remarks, the next stop is Christmas.

By way of which the gift of a good world is better than it was a century ago.

The towns throughout this State that are alive and growing are the ones that have a united citizenship. When the people of Scotland Neck unite the town will grow and prosper, and not until then.

The A. & M. College football team was defeated by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Norfolk, Va., on Thanksgiving day. The score was 18 to 5. More than ten thousand people saw the game. It is to be regretted that the behavior of some of the Virginians was very unbecoming gentlemen. The police of the city were simply not able to manage the crowd.

The first copy of the North Carolina edition of The American Issue is on our table and it is a very creditable publication. Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the State Anti-Saloon League, has charge of the editorial chair, and that means a live wire. The American Issue is a sixteen page monthly, and among other things will stand for law-enforcement, good officers, and further needed legislation such as a National Anti-Jug Law. For further information address, Rev. R. L. Davis, Wilson, N. C.

The ten banks of Halifax county have on deposit, as reported to the Corporation Commission November 16th, over one million dollars. This is not a bad showing by any means, when we take into consideration the fact that our first bank was established about twenty years ago and our people are not educated to deposit their money in banks, choosing rather to keep it in their homes. Then we had a panic two years ago and that scared the people from the banks. Another thing, there has been short crops in the county the past two years. So it strikes us as a pretty good showing for the county.

Elder D. M. Hudler Dead.

Brother Hudler died October 30, 1909, at the Elizabeth Sanitarium, Harriman, Tenn. His remains were sent to his home at Muscatine, Iowa, for burial. He passed away and fell asleep quietly. He died with the full armor on and the sword of the Spirit in his hand.

Brother Hudler was born in New Bern, N. C., August 5, 1836. He was united in marriage to Miss Christianna Biggs in 1861. Eight children were born to this union, five of whom, with sorrowing wife, survive him. He moved to Louisa county, Iowa, when about twenty years of age, and soon after to Muscatine, where the family has since lived.

For the past twenty years brother Hudler has proclaimed the gospel of the Kingdom to the best of his ability, and was exceedingly zealous for its promulgation, often depriving himself of the comforts of this life that he might work for the Master. Several years he preached regularly on a circuit in Illinois. Since then he has preached in Washington, Oregon, California, Nebraska, Iowa, North Carolina, and died in active work for the Master.

His body was laid to rest at Muscatine on November 2nd. Brother O. J. Allard preached his funeral from the text found in I. Thess., 4th chapter, 17th and 18th verses, after which his remains were laid away in the beautiful cemetery to await the morning of the resurrection.

May we all strive to be worthy when our race is run on earth is my prayer. May God's richest blessings rest on his loved ones in their afflictions.

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The McIver Loan Fund.

On Friday night, December 3rd, during the meeting of the Halifax County Teacher's Association at Enfield, there will be a meeting of all former students of the State Normal College. All former students and citizens generally, particularly those interested in education, are invited to attend this meeting. The McIver Loan Fund and the part Halifax County will take in raising this fund will be considered at this meeting.

The McIver Loan Fund is a memorial to one beloved not only by every student and friend of the Normal College, but held in grateful remembrance by every citizen in the State interested in its educational life.

A fund will be loaned to young men of limited means to receive an education at the Normal College, interest to begin after they start to work. The majority of these young women become teachers, so it is impossible to measure the amount of good accomplished by such a fund. Furthermore, as it is a loan fund, even small amounts invested will grow into larger sums of usefulness; for as the money is returned it is used over and over and over again.

Miss Ella Spicer, the Field Secretary of the Normal Alumnae Association will be present at this meeting, and will explain this movement fully, and tell of the work being done all over the state. Wherever she has visited, the people have heartily given their co-operation and assistance, realizing the large possibilities for good to come to their county through the establishment of such a fund.

As the amount which we raise will be used only for needy girls from this county it should appeal to us particularly. Every year our Graded Schools and other schools of the county send out a number of bright, ambitious girls who desire an education. With a keen appreciation of the value of a well trained mind, and with eyes just opened to the beauties and wonders of education, the majority of these girls are forced to leave the schools before the work of education is well begun. Some few are able to complete their studies in our higher schools and colleges, but, on account of lack of means, the larger portion do not have this opportunity. To such deserving, ambitious girls the McIver Loan Fund offers an opportunity which will be gratefully seized.

We trust that the Normal Alumnae will meet with the encouragement in this county that their proposed work deserves, and that there will be a goodly number of our women and men at this meeting.

Items From Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Clay and children, of Rocky Mount, spent Thanksgiving with the Sater family.

Mr. Kemp Cutchin, of Tillery, spent a few hours here last Friday.

Miss Virginia Hale spent Thanksgiving with her parents.

Dr. E. F. Fenner, of Henderson, spent Sunday here with his parents.

Miss Julia Rhem, of Tillery, spent Sunday with Mrs. N. L. Stedman.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. N. Story spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Vaughan.

Mr. H. B. Furgerson, Jr., spent Thanksgiving here with his parents, returning to the University Sunday.

Mr. John Fenner, Jr., of Rocky Mount, has been spending a few days with his people.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Faucett, of Portsmouth, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilcox.

Miss Susie Giliam, of Henderson, spent Thanksgiving here with her mother, returning Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk and little son, Howard, of Portsmouth, came to visit Mrs. W. F. Coppedge. Mr. Kirk returned to Portsmouth Saturday.

Col. F. S. Faison and daughters, Misses Grace and Mary Day, spent several days in Norfolk last week.

Mr. Harry N. Gower and Master Ervie left Friday night for Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. I. G. Shaw states that last week the North Carolina State farm near Tillery sold their cotton seed for 52 1-2 cents a bushel. F. O. B. cars at Tillery. The amount of cotton seed sold by the farm will amount to between seventeen and eighteen thousand dollars. This perhaps is the highest price for seed on record, or at least the best price we ever heard of.

Aunt Malissa Williams a worthy colored woman who has lived close to Halifax practically all of her life, died at the home of her daughter near this place Sunday. Aunt Malissa was somewhere near 87 or 88 years of age, so far as she could reckon, and remembers many things that transpired in the old days, that our young people know, and seemingly care so little about.

Hon. E. L. Travis generally takes the cake when it comes to hunting with a gun that shoots. One day last week he killed two large fat "gobblers" and 14 Mescon ducks. The next day was Thanksgiving at his house.

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Chapel Hill Notes.

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Carolina won in the debate with the University of Pennsylvania, this being her second victory in a series of three debates with Pennsylvania. Carolina has won nineteen out of twenty-seven debates with such colleges as Pennsylvania, Vanderbilt, Tulane, Virginia, Georgia and Geo. Washington University. This record is a most enviable one, having won two out of three with Pennsylvania, two out of three with Virginia, one out of two with Geo. Washington University, none out of one with Washington & Lee, one out of one with Tulane, two out of two with Johns Hopkins, two out of three with Vanderbilt, and eight out of twelve with Georgia.

The University Sermon for November was preached by Rev. Neill Anderson, of Winston-Salem, before a large audience in Gerrard Hall. His sermon was a forceful exposition of the place of the supernatural and miraculous in religion.

The Varsity football team held its annual banquet last week in honor of the recently chosen winners of the coveted right to the North Carolina Sweater. Speeches were made by Dr. R. B. Lawson, physical director of the University, and Dr. D. H. Dolly, professor of pathology, both premier athletes in their college days. Coach Arthur E. Brides made a touching farewell talk to the team. Talks were also made by Captain C. Garrett and Captain-elect E. A. Thompson. The new wearers of the North Carolina Sweater are: R. C. McLean, of Swanannoa, H. M. Hedgepeth, of Fayetteville, Porter, of Virginia, R. M. Winston, Jr., of Raleigh, Mike Spainhour, of Morganton, Fleet Williams, of Lenoir, Will Belk, of Charlotte, Manning Venable, of Chapel Hill, and L. A. Brown, of Greenville. Stars were awarded to the following veterans: Crosswell, Garrett, Thompson, E. A. Deans, Belden and Ruffin.

Dr. Charles Lee Raper, professor of economics, has been chosen by the National Civic Federation to be a member of a committee of six to meet in Washington early in January for the purpose of making recommendation to Congress of uniform tax laws.

Mr. L. R. Preston, of the Charlotte bar, has presented to the University a beautiful memorial cup in memory of his brother, Ben Smith Preston, a former student of the University, who died in Atlanta while a reporter on the Atlanta Georgian. The name of that under-graduate student will be engraved upon it each year who does the best work of a journalistic nature. A great interest has always been taken in journalistic work by University students. To-day alumni of the University are on the editorial and repertorial staffs of papers from New York to Texas; New York Herald, World, Sun Times, Evening Post, and Press; Philadelphia Record; Baltimore Sun; Charlotte Observer, News, Chronicle; Raleigh News and Observer, Evening Times; Durham Herald; Wilmington Star, Dispatch; Winston Journal, innumerable others of equal rank in this and other States. This cup is welcomed by the University not only as a permanent tribute to a worthy son, but also as a recognition of the high place of the writing in University life.

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The Methodist Conference.

The 73rd, annual session of the North Carolina Conference was held at Raleigh last week ending Monday when the appointments were read by Bishop Wilson.

This session of the conference was said to be one of the best and most pleasant ever held.

The appointments for the Warrenton district are as follows:— J. E. Underwood, presiding elder; Warrenton, D. N. Caviness; Warren, B. C. Thompson; Ridgeway, B. C. Allred; Henderson, First Church, R. C. Craven; North and South Henderson, G. D. Langston; Littleton, R. H. Willis; Weldon, S. E. Mercer; Roanoke Rapids, W. A. Piland; Roanoke, J. T. Draper; Enfield and Halifax, J. E. Holden; Battleboro and Whitakers, G. S. Bearden; Scotland Neck, C. A. Jones; Hobgood, W. F. Galloway; Williamston and Hamilton, C. L. Read; Garysburg; E. N. Harrison; Northampton, W. B. North; Rich Square, D. L. Earnhardt; Conway, S. T. Moyle; Murfreesboro and Winton, L. T. Singleton; Harrellsville, D. A. Futrell; Birtie, J. G. Johnson; Littleton Female College, J. M. Rhodes, president.

The presiding elders for the other districts are as follows:— Raleigh—R. B. John.

Durham—R. C. Beaman.
Fayetteville—J. T. Gibbs.
Rockingham—W. H. Moore.
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This (the 19th, day of Nov. 1909) This sale will take place the 20th, day of Dec. 1909 in front of the Court House door, Halifax, N. C.

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